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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 10, 1999

JOINT PETITION OF

DOMINION RESOURCES, INC.
and
CONSOLIDATED NATURAL GAS COMPANY

CASE NO. PUA990020

For approval of agreement and
plan of merger under Chapter 5
of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia

ORDER ON MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF STIPULATION

On Monday, August 9, 1999, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission ("Staff") filed a Motion for Consideration of Stipulation ("Motion"), together with a Stipulation entered into by and among the Staff, Dominion Resources, Inc. ("DRI"), Consolidated Natural Gas Company ("CNG"), Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power"), and Virginia Natural Gas Company ("VNG"). The Staff Motion asserts that the Stipulation represents "an efficient and expeditious resolution of the issues presented in the joint petition" filed herein by DRI and CNG.

In its Motion, the Staff asserts that the Commission should "establish immediately a period in which to receive comments, or requests for hearing, or both, upon the Stipulation," since the

Commission must act on the joint petition on or before November 17, 1999, or same shall be deemed approved.

NOW THE COMMISSION, in consideration of the Motion, the Stipulation, the applicable statutes and rules, and its previously issued orders herein, concludes that, consistent with the procedural schedule already established, the Staff and all parties filing notices of protest should address the Stipulation in their testimony to be filed on or before September 8, 1999, and should by this same filing address any and all other issues presented by the joint petition. The Staff testimony may be filed in the form of a report. Additionally, DRI and CNG should file testimony in support of the proposed Stipulation on or before that date. Virginia Power and VNG may also file testimony in support of the Stipulation, should they so choose.

No date in the procedural schedule shall be amended at this time. We will entertain motions to amend the procedural schedule after receipt of the September 8, 1999, filings, or may do so on our own motion, as appears necessary and appropriate.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before September 8, 1999, any party interested in participating herein as a protestant¹ shall file an original

¹ The Commission's Order of July 16 directed persons interested in participating as Protestants to file a Notice of Protest on or before August 10, 1999. In view of the timing and filing of the Stipulation, the Commission will entertain motions for late filing of such notices, which parties are urged to file promptly.

and twenty (20) copies of their Protest, and all testimony and exhibits they intend for the Commission to consider herein.

(2) On or before September 8, 1999, the Staff shall file an original and twenty (20) copies of the testimony and exhibits it intends for the Commission to consider herein, and such testimony may be filed in the form of a report.

(3) On or before September 8, 1999, DRI and CNG shall file an original and twenty (20) copies of testimony in support of the proposed Stipulation.

(4) On or before September 8, 1999, VNG and Virginia Power may file an original and twenty (20) copies of testimony in support of the proposed Stipulation.

(5) All other provisions of the procedural order issued July 16, 1999, shall remain in effect.

(6) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.